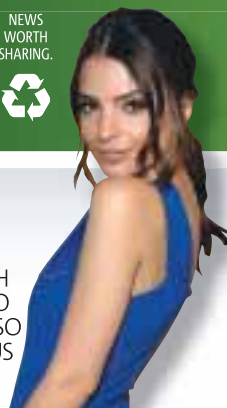


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Minister Theresa Oswald announces \$5.5 billion in infrastructure spending last week.

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Critics say NDP is
playing numbers
with job creation**Politics.** Manitoba
government accused of
puffing up figures and
misleading public about
employment impact of
infrastructure programThe Manitoba government
faced questions Wednesday
about job-creation numbers it
says were based on a report it
commissioned from the Con-
ference Board of Canada.The NDP government has
repeatedly said its new five-
year infrastructure program
will create 58,900 jobs. But one
of the people behind the report
said that isn't quite accurate."On average, over the five-
year period that we looked at
this kind of spending, you're in
essence looking at 11,000 or sojobs on average," said Pedro An-
tunes, project manager for the
conference board analysis.He said the 58,900 figure is a
cumulative number of person-
years of employment that the
report says will be created over
the five-year program. For ex-
ample, one person's job, held
for all five years, counts as five
person-years of employment.The report says that, in any
given year, the number of ex-
tra jobs will vary from 8,500 to
13,400.Opposition members leapt
on the discrepancy, accusing
the government of misleading
the public about the impact of
its program, which the govern-
ment has said is being financed
by the provincial sales-tax in-
crease it brought in last year.Theresa Oswald, minister
responsible for jobs and the
economy, stood by her num-
bers."Person-years of employ-
ment. Jobs. Tomato, tomah-to.""We're talking about people
getting paycheques because
they're doing the work that
they may not have otherwise
been getting."The discrepancy was first
noticed by Winnipeg resident
Dave Routhier, who challenged
a government backbencher on
social media to double-check
the numbers.Routhier said Wednesday
that almost 59,000 new jobs in
a province of 1.2 million people
sounded unbelievable from the
get-go."That would mean no un-
employment."He also said he felt misled
by the government."I would like them to cor-
rect the record in the media,
and I'd like to see their website
updated to reflect reality."

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Condo development

'Unfortunate' that developer fined \$70K: Mayor

Mayor Sam Katz both criticized and justified a \$170,000 penalty to a local developer for changing the design of a condo development to infringe on an area zoned parkland.

The city's property and development committee on Tuesday upheld a previous decision at the community committee level to slap a \$70,000 fine on Andrew Marquess and have him forfeit a \$100,000 deposit on the condo development at 1210 Chamberlain Ave. near McPhillips Street and Mountain Avenue.

Katz said the decision was "unfortunate" and doesn't believe "a lot of the facts are out there," such as the ownership of the parkland being encroached.

"If the committee had known that these lands were always owned by the developer, who purchased them quite a long time ago, they probably would not have even come up with the original numbers," said Katz after Wednesday's executive policy committee meeting. "On top of that, there is really a different opinion whether the city even has the opportunity, if it went to court, if we could actually do what we were talking about doing, but it appears everybody has accepted the \$170,000."

He then told media, however, that this decision shows "everybody has to play by the rules."

"If you're my neighbour and I build a garage on your property, I have to play by the rules and the rules are technically you can make me tear it down," said Katz.

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'Grandparent scam.' Thousands bilked from Winnipeggers: Police

Police are once again warning older Winnipeggers to watch out for scammers calling pretending to be their grandchildren in need of money after a spike in reports of the fraud.

Police spokesperson Det. Sgt. Natalie Aitken said Wednesday the force's Commercial Crime Unit is getting as many as two reports a day, and to date are aware of 35 victims who've lost a combined total of just over \$118,000 to the scam since

last September.

Aitken said in most cases the scammers get their victims to wire money by calling and claiming to be a grandchild or family member who is in jail, the hospital or some other critical emergency.

Anyone who receives a call is asked to make note of details of the conversation, dial *57 after the call to trace the incoming phone number, and call police at 204-986-6222. METRO

River Heights. Former Manitoba Liberal leader to seek re-election

Former Manitoba Liberal leader Jon Gerrard will run for re-election in Winnipeg's River Heights constituency.

Gerrard's press secretary has confirmed that Gerrard will try to hold on to the seat in the election slated for the spring of 2016.

The decision may pose a problem for Rana Bokhari, who replaced Gerrard as leader last October.

Bokhari does not have a

seat in the legislature and the Liberals hold no seats other than Gerrard's.

However, Bokhari said Wednesday she supports Gerrard's decision to run and said she has not decided which constituency she will campaign.

Gerrard had been party leader since 1998 and stepped down after a disastrous 2011 election campaign.

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Funds for bomb unit facility a board matter?

'Erroneous.' Mayor Sam Katz said board aware of project

Extra funds for a facility housing the Winnipeg police's bomb unit is coming from existing cash, not new money, said Mayor Sam Katz.

On Wednesday, members of city council's executive policy committee approved the reallocation of \$550,000 to the "bomb magazine storage facility capital project," which will now have a total budget of \$1,096,400 plus \$400,000 for site improvements.

The new home for the bomb unit, which according to the city cannot be disclosed due to security reasons, was also pushed up in the capital budget, to 2014 from 2019.

"Today we approved the

amount of monies they were looking to move from existing projects that they no longer need the money for, that's all we did today," said Katz.

However, lawyer and city hall watcher David Sanders appeared in delegation at the EPC meeting to urge committee members not to authorize the expenditure.

Sanders said it's concerning that no alternative site was found when the bomb and canine units were forced to vacate their home in Transcona in September of 2009.

The bomb unit has been at a temporary location since then and will now be moving to or has moved to — that status is unknown — a new site.

Sanders also wondered why this matter had not been brought to the attention of the recently formed Winnipeg Police Board.



David Sanders, a Winnipeg lawyer who follows city hall closely, questioned the funding process for a new home for the police's bomb unit during Wednesday's EPC meeting. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Katz disagreed with Sanders, saying that the board is "totally aware of this."

"It saddens me when

people come here and make erroneous statements like that," he said after the meeting. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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12 years a mission: Kabul's Maple Leaf down for good

Bound for home.

Troops wrap up Afghan duty, Canada's longest-ever campaign

As the Canadian flag inched its way down the pole Wednesday at NATO headquarters in Kabul, Master Cpl. Jordan Taylor didn't necessarily see the red and white Maple Leaf.

The faces of friends who didn't come home were before his eyes.

"I see their faces all the time, always remember them. So, that's what I was reflecting on," said Taylor, who helped haul down the flag on Canada's longest-ever military mission.

The wounds this country has inflicted were on quiet, subtle display at the understated ceremony before the headquarters building.

Sprinkled through a crowd of three dozen Can-

adians who stood at attention were troops who'd returned to Afghanistan three, four, even five times in the dozen years the army has been involved in trying to stabilize the fractured nation.

During the ceremony, dignitaries — Canadian and allied alike — praised the country's involvement and sacrifices.

The country's top military commander, Gen. Tom Lawson, spoke about how the government will rally around its veterans now that they're home.

The war cost the lives of 158 soldiers, one diplomat, one journalist and two civilian contractors.

Canadian commandos, hunting al-Qaida, were the first troops to hit the ground in late 2001 and they were followed by as many as 40,000 more rotating through different campaigns, including the five-year combat mission in Kandahar.

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The army takes down the Canadian flag for the last time in Afghanistan on Wednesday, bringing an end to 12 years of military involvement in a campaign that cost the lives of 158 soldiers. MURRAY BREWSTER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eyes on Ford's job

Olivia Chow steps down as MP

Olivia Chow resigned her seat in Parliament Wednesday preparing to launch her bid to replace Rob Ford as mayor of the country's largest city.

Chow is expected to formally kick off her campaign Thursday in the Toronto neighbourhood of St. James Town, where she grew up.

She is considered one of the front-runners in the race that includes one-time provincial Conservative leader and failed mayoral candidate John Tory, city Coun. Karen Stintz and infamous incumbent Rob Ford.

Jamey Heath, who will be communications director for Chow's campaign, said the former NDP MP will be the only "progressive" contender in the already crowded field.

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We'll keep the loonie: Marois

An independent Quebec would want to keep using the Canadian dollar and hopes to have a seat at the Bank of Canada, Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois said Wednesday.

The Quebec economy is in good shape and it would be beneficial to Canada for Quebec to be involved with the dollar and the central bank, Marois said ahead of the April

7 provincial vote.

"We could wish to have a seat at the Bank of Canada but we accept the fact it is the bank's monetary policy that would apply," she said.

"There are eight million people living here in Quebec and we have an economy that is a rich one.

"We have a lot of consumers. We have a lot of business

organizations on our territory and I think it is important to have a place at this level (the Bank of Canada). But if it is not the case, we will see."

In reiterating the PQ's longtime position that Quebec could use the Canadian currency, Marois pointed out that European countries are independent but share the euro.

The PQ leader also prom-

ised Wednesday to reduce Quebec's debt to under 50 per cent of gross domestic product by 2018-19. As of March 31, 2014, it was projected to stand at 54.3 per cent.

Liberal Leader Philippe Couillard once again directed his attack at Marois' intention to lead Quebecers toward another sovereignty vote.

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Top editor at Russian online news site axed

Galina Timchenko.

Fired by the site's billionaire owner after official complaints over Ukraine coverage

The owner of a leading independent Russian news website has fired its chief editor following official complaints over the outlet's coverage of Ukraine.

Lenta.ru says Alexander Mamut, who also owns several other media outlets, dismissed Galina Timchenko on Wednesday. She will be replaced by the former editor of a staunchly pro-Kremlin website. The Lenta.ru editorial team said in a statement that Timchenko's removal

'Extremist material'

The website had received a warning from a state communications regulator over an interview with radical Ukrainian nationalist Andriy Tarasenko, who had engaged in anti-government protests. The regulator said the website breached a law banning dissemination of extremist material.

marked a further decline in media freedom. "The firing of an independent chief editor and the appointment of a malleable person — this is a violation of the law on mass media, which rules out any censorship," said a statement by workers.

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Marching for Berkin Elvan

A demonstrator strikes a defiant pose in Istanbul, Turkey, Wednesday, as riot police use water cannons and teargas to disperse thousands of people marching for Berkin Elvan, a Turkish teenager who died after remaining in a coma since being hit in the head by a tear-gas canister fired during summer protests in Turkey. EMRAH GUREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harsh snowstorm hits Kashmir

Unusually heavy snowfall has unleashed avalanches and collapsed homes in the Himalayan region of Kashmir, killing at least 14 people on both sides of the de-facto border between India and Pakistan, officials said.

Ten died in the Indian-controlled portion of the territory, police said, while Pakistan's military reported

another four dead in an avalanche on that side of the border.

On the Indian side, dozens were evacuated from high-risk areas Wednesday, after avalanches killed two Indian army soldiers camped in the Kargil region and another three Nepalese labourers working near the heavily militarized Line of Control.

Another five people were killed when dozens of homes crumpled under the weight of snow in the southern Kulgam and Shopian areas on the Indian-controlled side, police officer Imtiyaz Hussain said. Pakistan's military said an avalanche killed four soldiers late Tuesday near the northern district of Astore.

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Deadly explosion levels two

Hell up in Harlem.

At least three dead, many others injured after gas leak triggers massive blast

Three people have died after a gas leak caused an explosion Wednesday morning, collapsing two Manhattan buildings, officials said. At least 27 people — including three children — were injured and at least nine individuals are still missing.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration confirmed late Wednesday that officials are still treating two serious, life-threatening injuries and five serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Twenty others suffered minor injuries.

Two of the three deaths are confirmed to be women. Doctors at Mt. Sinai Hospital confirmed that they treated three children from the incident.

De Blasio arrived at the scene in the early afternoon

Quoted

"I thought it was a bomb. It sounded like a bomb. I immediately thought of 9/11. We just saw people running, running, running. It was just a scene from 9/11."

Sandra Suro, who lives nearby on 115th Street and Madison Avenue

and thanked the first responders, describing it as an incredibly fast response while cautioning that the situation was still developing.

"This is a tragedy of the worst kind because we had no indication so that we could save people," de Blasio said. He declined to give any numbers of how many are missing, but said police had a list of people they are tracking down.

"Suffice it to say that every effort is being expended to locate every one of these individuals," de Blasio said.

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Nearby residents react

'It blew me out of my bed'

Nearby residents were literally shaken up by the explosion and building collapse that rocked Harlem Wednesday morning, and they described the scene to Metro.

"It blew me out of my bed," said Jay Virgo, 30, who lives in a building across the street. Virgo said she saw four or five people lying on the ground outside looking "lifeless."

Joseph Thomas said, "It took out the windows and there was stuff flying around in the air. It shook the whole building like a bomb."

Reinaldo Rosario, 48, was waiting to hear about his girlfriend's brother, who lived in the building that collapsed.

"I'm shaking," he said.



A member of the NYPD gestures as emergency personnel respond.

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"(The explosion) was loud. I thought it was our building because the building shook."

Even Molley Mills, 45, said she looked outside and saw smoke billowing in the air.

"The helicopters turned up and sirens were going everywhere — it was just crazy," she said.

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New York firefighters respond to a five-alarm fire and building collapse in explosion were heard before the collapse of two multiple-dwelling buildings

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New York buildings



the Harlem neighbourhood of New York City on Wednesday. Reports of an explosion that left at least three dead and many injured. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

Hitting home

New Yorkers hear echoes of Sept. 11 in Harlem blast



JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

Since a pair of apartment buildings exploded in East Harlem Wednesday morning, everyone Metro New York reporter Anna Sanders has talked to has said it's brought up a lot of their fears related to Sept. 11, 2001.

Sanders said the explosion wasn't related to terrorism, but before people knew that, there was chaos in the area. "People were running, crying," she said. "There was smoke everywhere and no one knew what was happening."

"As you can imagine, any time this happens in New York City, people think back to 9/11," she said. "At least two people's lives were lost and that's tragic in and of itself. This isn't the scale of 9/11, but it obviously hits home in the city because of Sept. 11."

Sanders arrived at the site about an hour-and-a-half after the explosion on Wednesday morning, after making calls to find out what had happened.

"I was about a block away," she said. "I saw a lot of smoke. It was very chaotic. There were a lot of first responders trying to battle the fire still."

Sanders described the neighbourhood where the buildings exploded — East Harlem, or Spanish Harlem — as a nice place where local residents tend to have ties to the community.

Flight MH370. Satellite images show suspected debris from missing plane

Satellite images on a Chinese government website show suspected debris from the missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner floating off the southern tip of Vietnam, China's Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

The revelation could provide searchers with a focus that has eluded them since the plane disappeared with 239 people aboard early Saturday.

The report said the images from around 11 a.m. on Sunday appear to show "three suspected floating objects" of varying sizes, the largest about 24 metres by 22 metres.

The report includes co-ordinates of a location in the sea off the southern tip of Vietnam. The images originally were posted on a national defence technology website.

The search for the plane, which left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing before disappearing early Saturday, has encompassed 92,600 square kilometres of Southeast Asia and on Wednesday expanded toward India.

It was also revealed Wednesday



The Indonesian National Search and Rescue Agency performs a search for the missing Malaysia Airlines plane off Sumatra Island on Wednesday.

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day that the last message from the cockpit of the missing flight was routine: "All right, good night" was the signoff transmitted to air traffic controllers five days ago.

Then the Boeing 777 vanished as it cruised over the South China Sea toward Vietnam, and nothing has been seen or heard of the jetliner since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Think house prices are crazy? You're wrong, says expert

Devil's advocate.

Economist argues current house prices are fairly valued, or even undervalued

A new report into Canada's hot housing market is trying to calm fears of a coming collapse in prices, saying the biggest threat to home valuations may be government meddling with mortgage rules.

The paper by economist Will Dunning, who runs a real-estate market research firm in Toronto, says Canadians have been mostly prudent investors in housing and that the market can absorb either higher prices or a

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- The Bank of Canada and our government have warned about an overheated housing market for several years, arguing that once interest rates start rising, the roof will cave in for some home buyers.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has also pointed to Canada as having the world's most over-valued housing market.

one per cent hike in interest rates.

Rather than being over-valued, house prices in Canada are fairly valued and may even be undervalued,

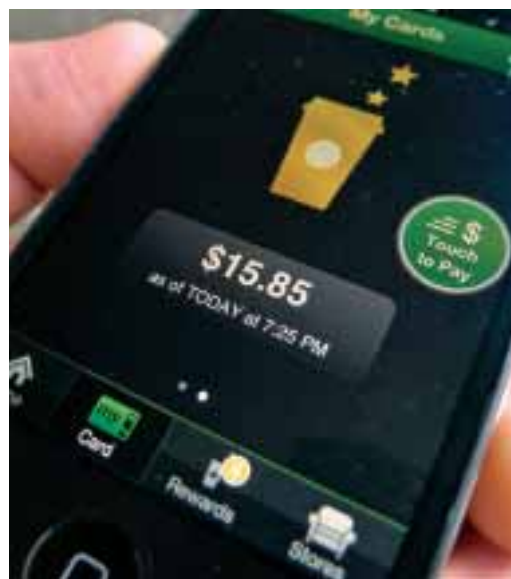
he says.

The paper was released Wednesday on the same day the Teranet-National Bank composite price index rose to a new all-time high, showing home prices in Canada increased 0.3 per cent in February.

Last year, the OECD declared Canada's housing market the "most over-valued" in the world after noting that the price-to-rent ratio — which compares the total cost of ownership against renting a similar property — had ballooned to 88 per cent above the historic average.

Dunning says the problem with the assessment is that the Paris-based organization used faulty data to reach its conclusion on both the price and rent side.

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Bye tip jar, hi tip app

A Starbucks payment app is shown on a smartphone. The coffee chain will soon let customers leave tips with its mobile-payment app. The mobile tipping option will be available on its updated app for iPhones starting March 19. The rollout comes as the company's app has surged in popularity, with roughly one out of every 10 purchases now made with a mobile device. After paying with the app, Starbucks says customers will be able to leave a tip of 50 cents US, \$1 US or \$2 US any time within two hours of the transaction. The tipping option will only be available at the 7,000 of the roughly 11,000 Starbucks locations in the U.S. that are owned by the company. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Credit Karma

Will Google's latest investment bring good karma?

Google is betting that good things will happen to Credit Karma, an online service that provides consumers with free copies of the credit scores that define their financial reputations.

Credit Karma is getting Google Inc.'s endorsement and expertise as part of an \$85-million US investment announced Wednesday.

About half of the money is coming from Google Capital, the Internet company's recently created vehicle for investing in maturing startups. The remaining funds are being provided by Tiger Global and two of Credit Karma's earlier investors — Ribbit Capital and Susquehanna Growth Equity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tim Berners-Lee

World Wide Web creator calls for digital bill of rights

The British inventor of the World Wide Web wants a digital bill of rights to protect Internet users from surveillance.

Speaking Wednesday, on the 25th anniversary of his creation, Tim Berners-Lee says he hopes to spark a global conversation about the need to defend principles that have made the Web successful.

He told the Guardian newspaper that the Web was under increasing attack by governments and corporate interests.

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Is Herbalife a pyramid scheme? The FTC in the U.S. is looking to find out

Hedge fund manager Bill Ackman has won a round in his 15-month fight against supplements and weight-loss products maker Herbalife.

The direct seller's shares tumbled Wednesday after Herbalife revealed that it is being investigated by the Federal Trade Commission for possible "deceptive practices."

Since December 2012 Ackman has spent millions waging a public campaign against Herbalife and building up an army of lobbyists, community organizers and members of Congress to push regulators to investigate what

Online

For more on Herbalife's controversial business model, read "Health products company or pyramid scheme?" on metronews.ca



he calls a "pyramid scheme," which makes most of its money by recruiting new salespeople rather than on the products they sell. It is a charge that Herbalife has repeatedly denied.

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The FTC is investigating Herbalife. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BACHELORHOOD, DEFINED

What does it mean to be a bachelor?

I've always considered myself a bachelor, from the tip of my cowlick to the bottom of my mismatched socks. Yet I've had a girlfriend for months now.

Must I turn in my bachelor's card? Am I something else now?

I refuse to believe that. To me, bachelorhood is so much more than whether I'm dating. What would that mean for my lack of cooking, my avoidance of cleaning my apartment, my inability to plan?

I'm not just the person I date; I'm all the things I don't do, too.

Being a bachelor is a state of mind. Some might argue that state of mind is "lazy jackass," but you can be a very nice bachelor, no matter what TV's The Bachelor might teach us.

It's about being comfortable with who we are. It's about accepting that we will always screw up the laundry, the date, the meal. Because if we didn't accept it with a grin, we'd go mad.

While ruminating on this definition of bachelor, it occurred to me that there are many bachelorhood terms and slang that



HE SAYS
John Mazerolle
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help define the world we live in. I then created a list of definitions so that you might understand me and my people.

Earning Your Bachelor's Degree: A Bachelorhood Glossary

Bache-lor: Superhero known for his Blu-ray vision, imperviousness to mould, and ability to read entire Calvin and Hobbes collections during a single toilet sitting.

Bachelor-hood: A community within a city that has curbside garbage comprised of at least 90 per cent pizza boxes.

Bachelor party:

1) Four or more bachelors on one couch playing Xbox.

2) A party for an engaged man whose friends attempt to show him the worst, most abusive time possible, often in preparation for what his marriage will be like.

Bachelor shower:

1) Applying deodorant or cologne in lieu of a shower.

2) Taking an actual shower for approximately 40 minutes until the water runs cold and the bathroom is steamier than a Shannon Tweed VHS intro.

Bathroom: Room for building online-dating photo portfolio.

Bed-making: Something done once, usually with an Allen key.

Bedroom: Walk-in hamper.

Carpet: Bachelor's greatest enemy, absorber of stains and hurler of vicious static electricity.

Confirmed bachelor: Guy you can clearly see is wearing two different socks.

Diet: Only using half the icing on a Toaster Strudel.

Home cooking: Take-out from any restaurant within 500 metres of where you live.

Kitchen: Hallway to garbage can.

Muffin top: The laundry at the top of the hamper that pours out of the top and gets washed repeatedly, as opposed to the Muffin stem of clothes that sits at the bottom of the hamper for all eternity.

Snow (also 'base' or 'wacky dust'): Street slang for Carnation Instant Breakfast Powder Drink Mix.

Spring cleaning: Taking the Slinky into the shower.

And that's my small window into the world of the bachelor, whether he's single or not. Speaking of which: If you see my girlfriend, tell her I've been thinking about her while I work on my definition.

ZOOM

Getting to the heart of it



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Anatomical image scan wins top award

A striking image of a mechanical heart pump inside the patient's chest has been named as the overall winner of the Wellcome Image Awards 2014, a leading competition for medical photography. The picture was captured by Anders Persson, a pioneer in using colour 3D images from scans in clinical practice. **METRO**

Judge's corner

"The juxtaposition of delicate human anatomy with the robust mechanical plumbing parts is dramatic, and the image is rendered so vividly in 3D that it appears to jump out at the viewer."

BBC medical correspondent
Fergus Walsh

DIY it

- The Swedish scientist used a new scan type known as dual energy computed tomography (DECT) angiography: A patient is scanned with two sources of X-rays at different energies.

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Metro Online

The Internet turned 25 this week, and we can thank its inventions for the existence of certain words we use daily.

Here is a list of the best words the Internet has given humankind.

Avatar

In computing terms, an avatar is a graphical representation of a user's alter ego, usually used in virtual world games or Internet forums.

Trolling

This is Internet slang to describe a person who tries to upset people online, by posting inflammatory or off-topic messages on forums or websites to deliberately provoke other web readers' emotions.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: The web turned 25 March 12. It allows us to binge watch, over share and shop easily. But how has it made our lives more difficult?

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Meme

In Internet talk, a meme is something that has been built upon or manipulated that spreads from person to person online. Some memes have gone viral on sites like Reddit, 4Chan and Facebook.

Hashtag

A hashtag is a word or phrase prefixed with a hash symbol (#). It is often used for social media or microblogging sites like Twitter and Instagram.



@deefontein: Yes, the paradox of choice at it's finest. IE. Spending hours scrolling Netflix choices & watching O.

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A look behind the ski mask

New album. Islands' latest release is a departure from the band's last more melancholy project



BACKSTAGE PASS

Jared Story
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Islands front man Nick Thorburn describes the band's latest album *Ski Mask* as "violent".

Released in September through Thorburn's label Manqué Music, the antagonistic album stands in stark contrast to 2012's *A Sleep & a Forgetting* — a record that was inspired by Thorburn breaking up with this long-time partner and moving from New York to Los Angeles.

"It's (*Ski Mask*) a little more confrontational, I think just out of frustration and reluctance to continue to play the victim," Thorburn says. "In the narrative of the prior record, *A Sleep & a Forgetting*, the character in those songs is woe-ful, hapless and pitiable, and sort of grief stricken, having gone through this unfortunate event in his personal life. So for this record, I was more interested in playing the role of

Details

Islands play the Pyramid Cabaret on Friday, March 21. Escondido opens the show. Tickets are \$15 at Into the Music, Soul Survivors and Ticketmaster. Showtime is 8:15 p.m.



Islands brings its "violent" new album *Ski Mask* to Winnipeg on March 21. JUSTIN KOU

the accused, of the aggressor, in an angry, confrontational and sort of violent way."

Although *Ski Mask* sees Thorburn switching from Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde, some of the songs were written during the making of *A Sleep & a Forgetting*. In fact, some even date back to before Vapours, Islands' 2009 album.

"Some of these songs have lived with me for a while and I was just waiting until the right

time for them to sit in the overall constellation of Islands," says Thorburn, who is originally from Vancouver Island and formed Islands in 2005 in Montreal.

Because *Ski Mask* spans so much of band's history, Thorburn feels it's the definitive Islands album.

"It does feel like a summation of all the things I tried to do with Islands and that's partially because the songs exist

through other records, so it makes sense that it (*Ski Mask*) feels kind of conclusive or cohesive," Thorburn says.

Wait! Conclusive?

But, this is a band with the motto "Islands are forever." Even its website is islandsare-forever.com.

"The first line of the opening song *Wave Forms* ("I won't ride another wave, and I won't write another word after today"), it's mostly a figure of

speech, but the idea of things ending, everything ends, everything comes to its inevitable end, so why shouldn't this?" Thorburn says.

"I'm not saying I'm doing this but I would like to be in control of that when it happens and not have it forced upon me. But then again, I kind of want to go out fighting. Like Charlton Heston, you'll have to pry it from my cold dead hands."



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No Bad Words from Jason Bateman



Jason Bateman directs and stars in *Bad Words*, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Directorial debut. Perpetual nice guy actor talks about the good parts of starring in a film he directs



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

For his directorial debut, Jason Bateman puts some pretty terrible words in his mouth as Guy Trilby, a grown-up spelling bee contestant making life difficult for his tween-aged competitors with some truly withering insults. That coarseness was something Bateman didn't want to shy away from.

"No one needs to see another PG spelling bee movie. We've seen those," he says with a laugh. "Or another heart-warming tale about an adult befriending a child or vice versa. There's a bunch of great movies that have done that and I didn't want to do another one of those."

Luckily Bateman had an ace in the hole to avoid things getting too dark: himself. Known

more for playing the nice guy, Bateman as an actor has a decent amount of goodwill built up with audiences on which to rely. "I wasn't afraid about pushing the envelope as far as possible because I knew that I'd be playing the character, and I was somewhat confident that I would be able to play him in a way where you would excuse his behaviour," Bateman says.

"Or at least I knew that would be a nice challenge for me. I don't know whether I hit the target, it's not for me to say. But I do like that I was increasing my odds of hitting that narrow target and managing that very specific tone by being able to have a huge presence on camera as well as behind the camera."

Surprisingly though, Jason Bateman the actor was not Jason Bateman the director's first choice for *Bad Words*, but he eventually managed to talk himself into it. "I went after some pretty big actors, some heroes of mine to play the part, and they were either too busy or not interested," he admits.

"Then I thought, maybe I should play the part because it's actually going to end up be-

ing a little easier. For better or worse, every single take is going to be exactly the way that I want it. You have no idea how long it takes sometimes for a director and an actor to get on the same page while the whole crew waits before you can roll."

But while that lack of debate and discussion with a lead actor saved time and made things easier, wearing both hats did prove logistically challenging in other ways. "As a director, traditionally you can sit there [at the monitor] and you can know exactly what you're getting as you're getting it. I didn't have that perspective, so I wasn't able to see that," he says.

"We had to adjust our process a little bit where we would rehearse a lot more with my stand-in in there so I could see what the camera was seeing. Then once I was satisfied that everybody was doing it the way I thought that it needed to be done, then I went in front of the camera. "And then after a couple of takes I would go and watch playback. If you watch every take in playback, by definition you've doubled your time in the day, so I couldn't do that. I had to be judicious with that."

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BY MIKE MOORE, PRESIDENT, MANITOBA HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

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Neil Young takes on iPod with Pono

SXSW. Canadian rock titan touts his upcoming iPod rival with a heartfelt plea for music as its creators want it heard

Neil Young might have come to South by Southwest flogging a product like everyone else, but at least he flogged it passionately.

The 68-year-old expat-Canadian rock legend spoke before a packed event hall at the Austin Convention Centre on the cusp between the SXSW Interactive conference and the SXSW music festival ostensibly to plug the high-fidelity Pono music device he's been threatening us with for nearly three years now. It's now aimed for an October release with an expected retail price of \$399.

Really, though, his speech was a heartfelt plea for a return to proper audio fidelity in an age where music has been squashed dynamically, chopped into bite-sized form



and cheapened as a recorded commodity by the dominant MP3 format.

All the audience got a glimpse of were some projected stock pictures of the gadget and a couple more that Young briefly waved from his pockets onstage — for the record, the Pono looks rather like

a second-generation iPod Nano thickened out into a stand-up, triangular shape.

However, if the thing does what Young says it does, it could be the portable digital player that audiophiles have been yearning for years.

He certainly managed to rally a list of rock royals that in-

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cluded Bruce Springsteen, Jack White, Dave Grohl, Arcade Fire, Duane Eddy and many others to provide awed video testimony of the system's power in a reel that ran midway through his session.

The proof will come, as they say, in the pudding, and if you'd like to get your fingers in that pudding, there's a Kickstarter campaign that, by Wednesday morning, had already surpassed its \$800,000 goal — in under 24 hours — by more than \$500,000.

For now, though, Young's quest to bring vinyl-quality sound to a generation of music consumers accustomed to listening to thin MP3 files through laptop speakers and earbuds "that look like loz-

enges," as he put it, seems heartfelt, even if he's got a tough battle ahead of him in unseating the iPod as the dominant portable music machine.

"If it's a success or it isn't a success, music wins," he said. "Because it's available. It's freedom of choice."

Whether or not Pono delivers what it promises — which is to play back audio files at the studio-quality resolution the artist originally intended, up to and including a whopping 9,216 kilobits per second versus the iTunes/industry standard of 256 kbps — one could at least feel the ache in Young's voice when he talked about how kids being raised in the digital age aren't properly "nourished" by three-dimensional sound.

"The human body is so sensitive ... when it sees great art, it feels good. (So) with our music, we were deprived and we started getting very little, a minuscule 1/20th of what we listened to."

In a roundabout way, Young conceded that the Pono and its accompanying iTunes-esque delivery service might be

Quest for quality

"They can identify the name of the song and they can learn the melody from listening to it, but inside their souls they're just not getting what we got because there's just nothing there for them."

Neil Young,
says of kids being raised in the digital age

strictly for the serious audiophile. But he touched a definite nerve with the SXSW crowd when he lamented that the rise of the MP3 and the one-off digital single had done irreparable damage to rock 'n' roll's veneration of the album as a sacred form.

With Pono, he promised, "you get to feel not just what the artist intended you to feel" and — if the original recordings warrant it — it'll make your car or your headphones "sound like God."

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'Reality-ish television'

Alan Thicke series coming to Slice

Canadian actor Alan Thicke returns to TV in April as a real-life dad.

The former star of *Growing Pains*, in which he played family patriarch Dr. Jason Seaver, will debut *Unusually Thicke* on April 16 at 10 p.m. on Slice.

Unusually Thicke will focus on Thicke, 67, his wife Tanya, described as "a Bolivian beauty who's nearly half his age," and his three sons: "a teenager, a pop star and a marijuana dispenser."

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Lady Gaga gets monster claws into SXSW

Lady Gaga walks down a street in Austin, Texas, early Wednesday during the SXSW 2014 Music Festival. No one creates a spectacle quite like Lady Gaga, and she's got her monster claws all over two days of the conference. She'll perform at the relatively intimate Stubb's on Thursday night before giving a keynote speech Friday morning. It's been a tough year for the pop provocateur, and SXSW offers her a chance to restart the conversation. JAY JANNER/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SXSW

Coldplay debuts new songs from Ghost Stories

Same Coldplay, different day. More than a year after they last touched down upon North American soil, Chris Martin and his amiable band of anthem merchants chose the South by Southwest festival for the first big coming-out party in support of their forthcoming sixth album, *Ghost Stories*.

Actually, the party itself wasn't that big, taking place as it did in Austin City Limits' relatively tight, 2,750-capacity Moody Theatre. Its reach was gigantic, however, since Coldplay's SXSW set

was streamed live in real time around the planet as the climax of the first of five iTunes Festival shows going down in Austin this week.

Other intimate iTunes gigs at the Moody — Kendrick Lamar on Wednesday, Soundgarden on Thursday, Pitbull (yes, Pitbull) on Friday and Keith Urban and Willie Nelson on Saturday — are to follow, each easily accessible online to those not fortunate enough to be in Texas for the SXSW marathon.

Coldplay was clearly Apple's biggest "get" for the American debut of the iTunes fest, which also featured London Grammar and the hateful Imagine Dragons as openers.

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Six kids later, Angelina Jolie is finally taking up cooking

With six kids at home, it might come as a surprise to learn that Angelina Jolie is only now learning how to cook, but there you go. "Angelina took her first cooking class last year. Her lack of cooking abilities was really getting to her, but she's finding cooking has become a great therapeutic exercise," a source tells Radar Online. "Angelina gets a kick out of feeding her kids herself and loves the creative side of it, although she admits she's

not quite at that stage where she's confident enough to go 'off recipe' and experiment. But she's working on getting there." So where does a globe-trotting Oscar winner go for cooking lessons? Why, to Munawar Hosain, a member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, who has reportedly been giving Jolie regular lessons in preparing Indian dishes at his Beverly Hills home. "Angelina absolutely loves the hands-on instruction," the source says.

Chris Pine to face drunk driving charges in NZ

Chris Pine, known for playing Captain Kirk in the Star Trek movies, has been charged with drunken driving in New Zealand. The 33-year-old American is due to make his first court appearance in the case on Monday, court officials said Wednesday. New Zealand Police said in a statement that a 33-year-old American was charged March 1 with driving

with a blood-alcohol level over the legal limit, which in New Zealand is .08 per cent. Police did not name the man, but said he was stopped during a routine early-morning check near the South Island town of Methven. Pine has been in New Zealand filming the movie Z for Zachariah, which is due for release next year.

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A glimpse into Lohan's little black book

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Max George. Heath Ledger. Jamie Dornan. Zac Efron. Justin Timberlake.

All these and more are notches in Lindsay Lohan's bedpost, according to In Touch. Reportedly, Lindsay was hanging out with some friends at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Jan. 30 when she grabbed a pen and started jotting down names — most of whom were very famous and very handsome. "It was her personal conquest list," says a witness. "She was trying to impress her friends with the list and then tossed it aside."

Apparently, in between stints in jail and rehab, Lindsay found plenty of

time for amour. The list, which contains at least 36 names, also includes such celebs as J. Phoenix (Joaquin, is that you?), Lukas Haas, Evan Peters, Wilmer Valderrama, Colin Farrell, James Franco, Adam Levine and Garret Hedlund.

I have my doubts about this. Lindsay has mostly been a mess these last few years; it doesn't seem likely that she could have kept these high-status hookups this quiet for this long. (You don't think she would have drunkenly screamed "I hit that" whenever a Justin Timberlake song came on in the club? Because I would have.)

I hope it's true, though, because first of all you go, girl; second of all, almost half the list is blurred out, which suggests there are even bigger, more scandalous hookups on there that we have yet to learn about.



Naomi Campbell

Done with the diva life? Naomi Campbell wants to be a mom

Naomi Campbell is ready to be a mom, and she doesn't mind going it alone. "I do want to have children, whether I have a man or not. I will have it on my own," the supermodel told designer Diane von Furstenberg during a SiriusXM Radio chat recently. Camp-

bell, who broke up with billionaire Vladimir Doronin nearly a year ago, also revealed she was infertile until very recently. "I was not able to have children up until March," she said. "Now it's in God's hands. I would love to have a family."

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She's got unblurred ambition

You know she wants this. Model and actress Emily Ratajkowski chats about balancing her silver screen acting ambitions with putting money in the bank

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You'll know Emily Ratajkowski as the bodacious beauty from Robin Thicke's *Blurred Lines* video. She's all nubile flirtation — no top, nude panties, white sneakers and rouged lips temptingly parted — meets wide-eyed pseudo-innocence, playfully skipping and bouncing to the beat.

We watched, gyrated and leered. It was the music world's *Fifty Shades of Grey*, dividing opinion over its social acceptability: ban it versus give me more. The polarization of opinion is irrelevant; although we all had something to say on the subject, it brought one girl originally cast as a back-up dancer to the fore.

That said, the line between Ratajkowski's current image as sexpot eye candy is at odds with her "Martin Scorsese" acting ambitions. She intends to blur the boundaries between two incongruous worlds through what she refers to as "balance" between the commercial (read: cash-paying) roles and creative career-progressing endeavors.

She has a clear mission statement, but it's one that could be difficult to implement when you consider that she's a YouTube beauty to the tune of more than 276 million views, and now surely commands considerable buck to boogie. It will depend on the success of her upcoming role in direc-



Don't be fooled by her fawn-like appearance. Behind the big brown eyes and ditz dancing is a girl who, in her words, "is looking to surprise people."

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Hey, hey, hey!

"For every sexy thing, I want to do a fashion thing. For every modeling job, I want to do a serious acting role."

tor David Fincher's *Gone Girl* as to whether Ratajkowski can escape that lucrative but vapid music video dance sphere.

Initially, the 22-year-old was reluctant to be cast in the video.

"Naked girls dancing around in a music video sounded pretty intense and I didn't want to be pigeonholed as a music video girl after shooting with Maroon 5 in *Love Somebody*," she says.

The tough and the topless

The model and her family have the final word on the controversial Ratajkowski (pronounced 'rat-a-COW-ski' — the 'j' is silent) phenomenon.

- When asked what her mother, a feminist and English professor, thought of the *Blurred Lines* video, she replies, "She thinks it's beautiful and important for women to embrace their sexuality."
- Ratajkowski describes the word feminist as "testy", saying, "People connect a lot of strange things to that word. In general, I really love women and I want them to be treated equally." She continues: "I think some people have a problem with a model, who's done nude work, using the word feminist but I have no problems with saying it."

It was the video's director who convinced the young model to accept the job, while Thicke, a married man in his mid-30s, took the brunt of the negative barrage for the video's sexist undertones.

Ratajkowski, the current face of fashion retail site Revolve, is keen to avoid being typecast as a gushing airhead despite appearing in the 2014 *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue*.

"I'm definitely not into that swimsuit model vibe. I like the ballet and I like to see female porn films — I'm a little different in that way, I guess," she asserts.

The British-born model is aware that her topless cavorting

could strike discord with Hollywood directors. But as she rightly points out on being cast as Ben Affleck's mistress Andie in *Gone Girl*, due out this October: "When you're working with director David Fincher [*The Social Network*, 2010, and *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*, 2011] people definitely do take you seriously." She adds: "I'm doing *Sports Illustrated* but I'm also appearing in the Spanish fashion magazine *S Moda*. For every sexy thing, I want to do a fashion thing. For every modeling job, I want to do a serious acting role."

Of course, the pigeonholing might well be something that she has to contend with for the meantime. However, it makes sense for her to make the break from being desktop dance star to silver screen sensation in order to certify her as a serious acting talent. "I want to establish myself [in the industry] and there are a few things that'll be announced in the next few months that will balance everything out," she says.

The modeling profession wasn't always receptive to Ratajkowski's plans to break into acting — a dream she's had since childhood.

"I told an agency in New York my goals and they said it was only a select group of girls that have that opportunity," she explains.

The timing of the Fincher film might be fortuitous but it seems doubtful that this is the case of a pretty wallflower seizing her 15 minutes of fame.

For her part, Ratajkowski makes it sound like she's always had a career game plan and it doesn't involve selling out for questionable success. "Throughout my childhood I acted, so it was always something I felt passionate about — I just really didn't want to play the mean girl in high school or the cheerleader," she says.

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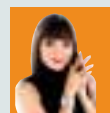
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Florals bloom large once again

New hothouse.

Fashion's haute botanicals and flowers spill off the runway and into decor

After years of simple solids and geometric prints, the lowly flower is making a comeback in decor. Floral patterns have been blooming all over fashion runways in recent months, and they are slowly finding their way back into the world of home decorating, too.

It wasn't long ago that any mention of floral upholstery or wallpaper brought back memories of 1980s cabbage roses, flowery Shabby Chic borders stencilled high on bedroom walls, and suburban homes designed to feel like precious cottages swathed in pink and green.

But today's new patterns aren't your grandmother's florals. And they can be a refreshing antidote to the minimalist patterns that have dominated home decorating in recent years.

"It's what we're all craving," says New York-based designer Jon Call, founder of Mr. Call Designs. "It's romance, it's a softness ... and it feels fresh again, because no one has defined it for our generation."

While brands like Laura Ashley delineated the floral look of a generation ago, the new florals have no rules. Which makes them more fun — and more challenging — to use successfully.

Here, Call and two other interior designers — Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, and Brian Patrick Flynn, executive producer of HGTV.com's Spring House series — offer advice on working with this fresh crop of floral patterns.

What size?

"Scale is the most important factor in modernizing the look and feel of florals," says Flynn. He suggests avoiding flowers that are depicted at their actual size. Instead, pick patterns where the flowers are bigger — between 50 per cent and 200 per cent larger than life-size.

Call agrees: He's a fan of using vintage prints in "the largest scale you can find," so that the print's eye-popping size contrasts with its traditional style.

But Call and Burnham also think floral prints can look modern if they're printed on



Brian Patrick Flynn updated this industrial loft kitchen using floral wallpaper from Graham & Brown with modern scale and colours. Flynn says the trick to using florals in fresh new ways is to choose over-scale botanical fabrics rather than traditional florals with small pattern repeats. SARAH DORIO/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a very small scale, especially if they're used on smaller items like throw pillows.

Where to use it?

Floral patterns can work especially well on sleek, modern pieces of furniture, Burnham says. Rather than choosing a floral sofa that's rounded and tufted, use floral upholstery on a simple sofa with straight, clean lines.

And rather than hanging floral draperies in a bedroom or choosing a floral bedspread, use solid colored fabrics in those locations and then up-

holster the headboard in a bold, oversize floral.

What colours?

A great pattern can look dated if you pick the wrong colour palette, says Flynn. "Florals with mustard yellow and burgundy palettes instantly feel old and stuffy. To make them fresh and fun, look for those with unexpected colour palettes, such as black and violet or springy greens and punchy pinks. The pattern will keep its classic appeal, but with a youthful update."

Burnham says floral pat-

terns done in just two colours (or in two shades of the same colour) can look more modern than florals that include several colours. And "if you go for something on a crisp white background," she says, it "might read more current than something on a tea-dye that's more muted."

Call's thinks just about any colour can work, though he prefers to steer clear of pinks and purples. "It gets too sweet, too endearing," he says. You have to "be careful with the sentimentality," he says, or you'll lose some of the modern edge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Which pattern?

- Find a floral print that really appeals to you personally, Burnham suggests. "Nothing corny, nothing ordinary," she says. You want "something really special."
- You might try "chinoiserie that include figures and florals," Burnham says, "or flora and fauna... That's a way to do it if you're kind of scared of just flowers."
- Another option is choosing a pattern that's more "botanical" than flower-filled.
- "Homeowners with aversions to super-girly florals featuring rosebuds or elaborate petals may find botanicals a better fit," says Flynn. "While floral prints include shapes and silhouettes of actual flowers, botanicals rely more on stems and leaves."
- Call points out that designers like Vivienne Westwood have created digitized, pixelated floral prints that mix traditional and modern style. But, he says, even the most classic chintz fabrics can look great in a modern home if they're hand-made and high quality.
- Flynn encourages clients to mix floral patterns with other prints.
- "The floral cottage style of a decade ago was all florals and ribbons," Flynn says. "Anytime I'm dealing with a home occupied by couples arguing over masculine and feminine styles, I'm likely to mix botanicals or florals with classic masculine prints such as gingham, check or plaid."
- That juxtaposition of "classic girly prints with iconic patterns used for men's spaces" creates a modern, gender-neutral room.



Interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn uses navy blue prints from Ralph Lauren and John Robshaw to make an otherwise feminine den a bit more gender neutral. SARAH DORIO/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Discover Irish flavours as you sip green beer

Lamb Chops with Parsley and Mint Sauce. St. Paddy's Day is coming up, so get in the kitchen and try this classic dish

"A parsley and mint sauce is an easy way of adding flavour to lamb chops," writes Rachel Allen in Rachel's Irish Family Food.

"The anchovies give the sauce a wonderful depth that works particularly well with lamb and doesn't taste at all fishy. The mint and parsley bring freshness while the capers give the sauce their own particularly punchy flavour."

"You can make the sauce ahead and it will keep in a jar for up to two weeks in the fridge. Do take it out of the fridge about half an hour or so before serving, to

Ingredients

- 8-12 lamb loin chops
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Parsley and Mint Sauce**
- Handful of mint leaves
- 2 handfuls of parsley leaves
- 2 tbsp capers, drained and rinsed
- 8 tinned anchovies
- 6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2-4 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



This recipe serves four to six. PHOTOS FROM RACHEL'S IRISH FAMILY FOOD BY RACHEL ALLEN (COLLINS, 2013)

give the flavours a chance to wake up.

"The sauce would also be an excellent accompaniment to grilled steak, roast chicken, or pan-fried mackerel."

1. To make the sauce, combine the herbs, capers, anchovies, olive oil and 2 table-

spoons of the lemon juice in a food processor. Whiz for a minute, then add salt and pepper or more lemon juice to taste. If you don't have a food processor you can chop everything finely by hand and mix together.

2. Place a frying pan or griddle pan over high heat.

While it is heating, drizzle the lamb chops with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in the hot pan and cook for 2-4 minutes on each side, until just pink in the centre. Serve immediately with a drizzling of the sauce. **RECIPES FROM RACHEL'S IRISH FAMILY FOOD BY RACHEL ALLEN (COLLINS, 2013)**

Side. Minted fava beans

"The mint here brings its fresh taste, which goes great with the beans, although you can just as easily serve them with parsley or no herbs at all," writes Rachel Allen in Rachel's Irish Family Food.

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil with 1 teaspoon of salt. Add the beans, bring back to a boil and cook for 2-3 minutes if fresh, or 5-6 minutes if frozen. Drain well. Once cool enough to handle, pop the beans out of their skins.

2. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat.

When the butter is frothing, add the beans and toss for 30-60 seconds to warm through. Add the mint, tossing it with the beans, and season well with salt and pepper. Spoon into a bowl and serve immediately.

Ingredients

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 18 oz (500 g) podded fresh or frozen fava beans
- 2 tbsp (25 g) butter
- 4 tbsp (50 g) coarsely chopped mint

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Three of Winnipeg's best burger bets

Simple, juicy and messy. If you want a delicious burger, you need to forget about fancy.



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Naming Winnipeg's best burger is a little like picking which of your children you love the most—an impossible and preposterous task. But when really pressed, there are three that come to mind. They are swiftly followed by many, many more.

There's nothing fancy about Sonya's (190 Henderson Hwy.). The menu is posted in pieces around the perimeter of the restaurant. The owner takes your order and his wife does the cooking. It's all homestyle here and that what makes it so good, right down to the fried crust on the cheeseburger patty that protects its juicy interior. Opt for the spicy version (it's not that spicy but it adds a little kick). And get the fries too.

The proprietors of Mrs. Mike's (286 Tache Ave.) add a little dash of something to their patties. My guess is cumin, but I could be dead wrong. They also seem to get

the ratios of patty, tomato, lettuce, mayo, pickles, mustard and chili sauce just right on the double burger called the King. The best way to devour this hot mess is by holding it over a pile of fries. Let the chili mayo tomato broth ooze over hot, salty fries. Call it do-it-yourself poutine, best consumed at one of the picnic tables alongside this seasonal stand (now open).

Winnipeg Burger Club recently moved this burger to the top of its list and I can taste why. Buck's BBQ Burger at Danny's BBQ & Smokehouse (1747 Ellice Ave.) is juicy, tasty and tall! Tomato, lettuce, bacon, cheese and an onion ring or two perform a perfect dance atop a beefy patty. Bite after bite offers smoky flavours. Keep chanting "just one more bite" to get you through this delicious monster.

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Buck's BBQ Burger at Danny's BBQ & Smokehouse.
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Brian McKeever and his guide Graham Nishikawa win the gold medal in the men's visually impaired one-kilometre sprint at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games on Wednesday in Sochi. MATTHEW MURNAGHAN/CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Downed but never out of it

Cross-country skiing. McKeever recovers from a fall to win his second gold medal of the Paralympics

Two hundred metres into the race, Brian McKeever was suddenly on his backside and it appeared his ninth career Paralympic gold medal was slipping away.

But he wasn't letting it go without a fight and the Canmore, Alta., cross-country

skier, led by guide Graham Nishikawa of Whitehorse, caught up to the pack to win the men's visually impaired sprint at the Sochi Paralympics on Wednesday.

It's McKeever's second gold of the 2014 Games and the 12th medal of his illustrious Paralympic career. The 34-year-old also won gold in the 20-kilometre event on Monday.

The two Canadians easily advanced to the final where a Russian skier stepped on McKeever's pole, causing him to crash around the 200-metre mark of the one-kilometre race.

Awaiting a silver medal

Meanwhile, alpine sit-skier Kimberly Joines of Rossland, B.C., finished second in the women's slalom, although the results are still unofficial after a German skier appealed her disqualification from the first run. A decision is expected Thursday morning.

But McKeever scrambled to his feet and, with the help of Nishikawa, caught up to the rest of the pack.

"It wouldn't be right for me to tell you what I said in my head, but once the cuss words were out, the only thing you can do is get back up and race," said McKeever. "I thought we were clear, but that is normal and it happens in sprinting when you are all fighting and tight. Everyone is going flat out. It is intense and everyone is at their limit. We are just fortunate it happened in the first 200 metres and not at the end so we had time to catch up."

Canada has eight medals (two gold, two silver, four bronze) and sits third in the overall tally. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Operation bumped up for Peverley

Rich Peverley will not play again this season after the Dallas Stars forward collapsed on the bench during a game Monday.

One of Peverley's doctors said at a news conference Wednesday that the 31-year-old will undergo a procedure that was originally planned for after the season. He was diagnosed with an irregular heart-beat in training camp.

Dr. Robert Dimeff said Peverley's playing status beyond this season is unknown.

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NBA

Lakers shut down Kobe for the rest of the season

Kobe Bryant won't be back on the court for the Los Angeles Lakers this season.

Bryant's broken bone in his left knee still hasn't healed enough for weight-bearing exercise.

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Thrill of chasing Phil

"Everything's in his hands now."



Carmelo Anthony said Wednesday that he has heard Phil Jackson will be "coming on board" with the New York Knicks, the strongest indication yet that the

11-time NBA champion coach will soon be taking over the team's basketball operations. Anthony went as far as to suggest that it's no longer a question of if Jackson will rejoin the Knicks, but when.

Raonic thankful for family's move to Canada



Milos Raonic sends a forehand to opponent Andy Murray at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif., on Wednesday. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian Milos Raonic scored a special win on a special day as he beat Andy Murray for the third time in four career matches for a place in the quarter-finals of the BNP Paribas Open.

The 23-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., turned in a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over the Wimbledon winner on Wednesday, the 20th anniversary of his family's emigrating from the former Yugoslavia (now Montenegro) to Canada. Raonic said he got a reminder from his sister of the big occasion, which he credits

Serving up extra mustard

15

Milos Raonic served up 15 aces to just three double-faults against Andy Murray.

with changing his life.

"That move for our family has given as much to me as it has to my brother, my sister and my parents: great education; great support system that my parents instilled in us was made possible through the

Canadian system," he said.

"My sister did her master's there, my brother went to university there. They got great jobs, they are living very happy lives, my father is happily retired and getting a pension.

"Everybody in the family is grateful and really appreciative of the move that was made. It wasn't easy, but I'm thankful and grateful that I have parents that were willing to give up so much for the three of us."

Raonic will next take on Alexandr Dolgopopolov.

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In Montoya we trust. Jets' future could rest in the hands of backup goalie



THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Not that the Winnipeg Jets have had a firm grip on a playoff spot at any point this season, but what little footing they had is slipping quickly. Through Monday night's games they sat four points behind Dallas for the last wild-card spot in the Western Conference and the Stars had two games in hand.

A four-game losing skid would be forgivable considering how well Winnipeg has played since Paul Maurice took the coaching reins, but there is no margin for error when you're a playoff-bubble team. The Jets are approaching nothing-to-lose territory, or the juncture at which teams start "seeing what they have" with certain players whose futures are uncertain.

Which brings us to Al Montoya. The Jets exited the Olympic break by rolling with starting goaltender Ondrej Pavelec for five straight games. He won the first two impressively, allowing three goals total to Phoenix and Nashville, but it was the same old Pavelec in the next three games. He lost each of them and allowed 11 goals to the Islanders, Los Angeles and Ottawa. That makes him 20-24-5 on the year with a 2.98 goals-against average (36th among 42 qualified goalies) and .902

save percentage (again, 36th out of 42).

Montoya, on the other hand, with the same team in front of him, is 10-4-5 with a 2.17 GAA and .926 SP. Six of his 10 victories came against teams currently in playoff spots, including a win over the Blackhawks in Chicago, so it's not like the Jets are spoon-feeding their backup easy matchups.

What, then, do the Jets have to lose by making Montoya their starter the rest of the way? In this case, giving the backup a try doesn't even mean punting the season, as Montoya gives the team a better chance to make the playoffs anyway. And the "we have to start Pavelec because we spend \$3.9 million a year on him" argument is played out. He's not good enough and the Jets need to upgrade at the position by next season.

Why not find out right now if Montoya is that long-term upgrade? It's now or never, as he's an unrestricted free agent this summer and has played well enough to attract plenty of suitors looking for a high-end No. 2. At 29, he has plenty of good years left and his pedigree as a first-round pick in 2004 suggests he was always supposed to be this good.

Roll with Montoya, Mr. Maurice and Mr. Cheveldayoff. If he excels as the No. 1 down the stretch, he may even give you cause to use an amnesty buyout on Pavelec.



The Canucks' Christopher Tanev gets called for a penalty shot on the Jets' Evander Kane in front of Eddie Lack during the second period in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The Jets lost 3-2. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jets continue to veer off playoff path in loss

NHL. Winnipeg blows two leads, fails to score in shootout

On Wednesday

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Canucks

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Jets

Chris Higgins had the only goal in the shootout as the Vancouver Canucks handed the Winnipeg Jets their fifth straight loss with a 3-2 victory on Wednesday night.

Higgins did some quick

stick-handling on his way toward Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec and flipped the puck by

him after the netminder went down.

Vancouver (30-28-10) is now 2-4-1 in its last seven games.

The game was a big improvement for the Canucks, who collapsed on Monday and gave up seven goals in the third period in a 7-4 loss to the New York Islanders.

The Jets (30-28-9) are 0-2-3 in their last five.

Alexandre Burrows, with the first and second goals of his

injury-marred season, tied the game 2-2 at 11:17 of the third period.

Jets winger Evander Kane got a penalty shot midway through the third after Christopher Tanev grabbed him on the way to the net, but his high shot over Lack's glove missed the net.

Pavelec stopped 30 of the 32 shots, while Eddie Lack made 31 saves for Vancouver.

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March 21 - April 20
The future is not bleak, no matter what some pessimists say. In fact it is exceedingly bright and you are in the right place at the right time to take advantage of all the good things that will be coming.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It's OK if you want to shut yourself off from the world and be alone with your thoughts for a while. Others may think you are behaving strangely but only because they are insensitive.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
No matter how go-getting and ambitious a Gemini you may be, there are times when even you must slow down and take time to smell the flowers along the way. Like right now.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is no point dwelling on past mistakes. If you recently did something wrong, learn from it what you can then put it behind you and move on. You'll make errors tomorrow too, but your successes will far outnumber them.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you don't want to do something then leave it. Others may moan that you should be making more of an effort but they're wrong. You should work only on things that interest you. Anything else can be left to another day.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's Sun-Saturn link will encourage you to get serious about career prospects. Map out how you see your ambitions unfolding over the next six months — and who you can rely on for support.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your sixth sense tells you that something drastic is going to happen, but that does not mean you should shut yourself away until it is over. In fact, what some people see as a disaster over the next 24 hours you will see as opportunity.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Saturn in your sign, linked to the Sun in Pisces, urges you to take life at a slower pace. What you achieve over the next 24 hours or the next 24 years, will not be determined by speed but staying power. Life isn't a sprint.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't waste time lamenting what might have been. Sagittarius is a Fire sign, which among other things means you should always be looking forward to the next big adventure. Yesterday is over and done with.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not understand how and why certain events had to happen but you can see there is no point being negative. While others complain today, you will make the most of the changes taking place.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There is always an answer, even to the most difficult of questions, so don't lose heart if your existence isn't easy. Despite what some choose to believe life is, was and always will be a garden of delights. Can't see it? You need glasses!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun in your sign is protecting you from harm and with Saturn on your side as well today it's as if you have some kind of force field around keeping negative ideas, and negative people, at bay. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku
How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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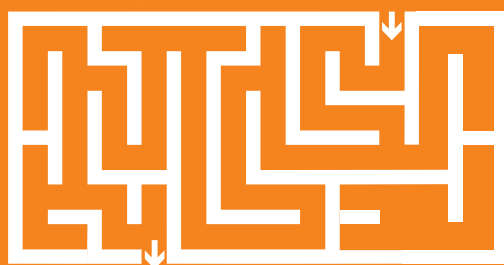
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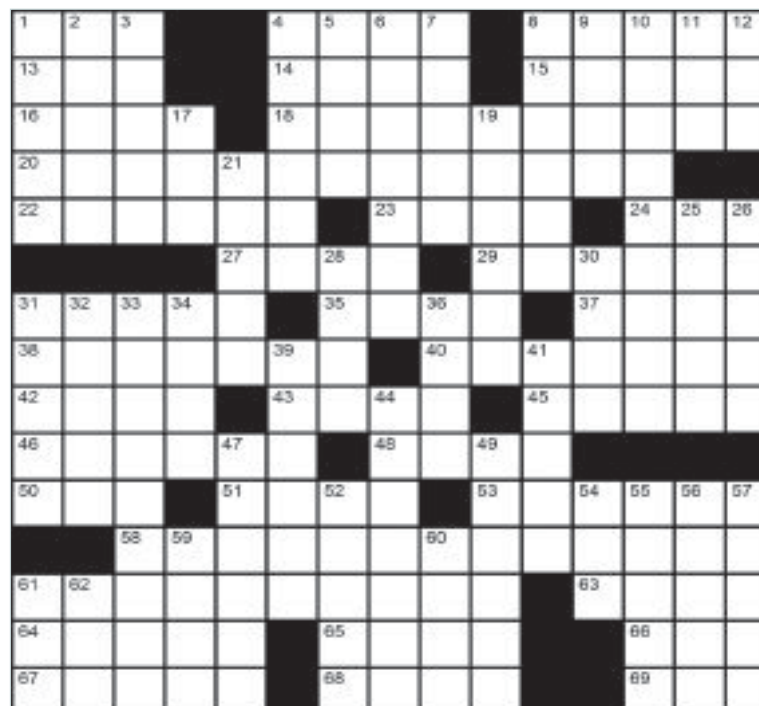
Yesterday's Crossword



Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Kitty's rival
4. Creme Creme connection: 2 mots
8. Eminem's mentor: 2 wds.
13. Flight schedule acronym
14. City near Provo, Utah
15. Baseball great Hank
16. Slangy affirmatives
18. Trapeze-fallers catchers: 2 wds.
20. Creators of Quebec cheese Oka in 1893 in a Cistercian Abbey: 2 wds.
22. Calgary's motto on its city crest
23. Crossword rendering of an owl couple peering out
24. ___ Na Na
27. Paul McCartney's 1995 radio show, ___ Joobu
29. ___ garage
31. "Rolie ___ Olie"
35. Gas or elec., e.g.
37. "Diana" (2013) character
38. "Disco Inferno" by The ___
40. Modernize
42. Shreds
43. Prefix to 'dermic' (Syringe sort)
45. Prayers' last words
46. Oxygen-dependent being
48. Canadian musician



Down

19. Play the flute
21. Preamble
25. Actor, Thomas ___ Church
26. Botanical casings
28. Overly ornate
30. Basketball's Lamar
31. Sink's plumbing fitting, ___
32. Bay window
33. Portage ___, Manitoba
34. Cream's "___ Glad"
36. Music's ___ & Wine
39. Carbolic acid
41. 1994 Oasis album: 'Definitely ___'
44. Soup ingredient
47. Look!
49. ___ in distress
52. Tropical fruit
54. Some film roles, Walk-___
55. 'Affirm' suffix (Giving assent)
56. Watch brand
57. Celine Dion song: "I ___ All Night"
59. Cairo's river
60. ___ Varner, Lee Remick's role in "The Long, Hot Summer" (1958)
61. TV network
62. Food scrap

- Mr. Kim
50. Chairman Mao's military gr.
51. Bldg. planner
53. "All ___!" (Train call)
58. Randy Jackson's role on "American Idol": 2 wds.
61. Shakespearean tragedy about a
- General of Rome
63. Unaccompanied
64. ___ Building (NYC's mecca of '50/'60s songwriting)
65. Foul
66. Race the engine
67. War horse
68. "Be ___!" (Help out!)
69. Saskatoon's

airport code

Down

1. Banff National Park: ___ Glacier
2. Sean Penn movie, "___" (1997)
3. Banana/custard tasting fruit [var. sp.]
4. Square Dancing call
5. Ages
6. Omitted: 2 wds.
7. Write ___ (Do office work)
8. Any ___ (Tomorrow, perhaps?)
9. Position
10. 'No jeans' policy: 2 wds.
11. Moulder
12. Nav. designation
17. Facials-getting site

19. Play the flute
21. Preamble
25. Actor, Thomas ___ Church
26. Botanical casings
28. Overly ornate
30. Basketball's Lamar
31. Sink's plumbing fitting, ___
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